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GRADUATION EXERCISES SATURDAY

Juniors Honor Seniors At Promenade Tonight

Queen



Miss Margaret Ziepfel

King



Leonard W. Kuehnle

Retreat Held For Students

The Rev. John J. Sullivan, S. J., of Detroit, was Retreat Master of Xavier upperclassmen's retreat and Rev. Francis Wilson, S. J., of Xavier University was the Freshman retreat master during the annual Students' Retreat this week.

Father Sullivan traveled from Detroit where he is head of the Chicago Mission Band and affiliated with the St. Peter and Paul Church. About eighteen years after his entry into the Society of Jesus, Fr. Sullivan was made pastor of Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier. He soon became well acquainted with Xavier men and before leaving was made head master of Elet Hall. Since leaving Xavier, Father Sullivan has devoted most of his time to missions and retreats. He was in charge of the Milford Retreat House in Milford, Ohio, before assuming the post as head of the Chicago Mission Band.

Sinton Scene Of Season's Dance

Tonight, at 9:30 p. m., in the Hotel Sinton, the curtain will be drawn on the highlight of the Xavier wartime social season, the Junior Prom. The Prom, tribute to the senior class, will be held in the Sinton Ballroom and the adjoining Crystal Room from 9:30 until 1:30 a. m.

According to an announcement of Prom chairman Dick Schneider, the music for the Prom will be furnished by Jimmy James and his well-known Cincinnati orchestra. In a recent poll, Jimmy James' orchestra was chosen as Cincinnati's best band and, as a result, he appeared on the Fitch Band Wagon, a program which features the best bands of the nation.

The feature of the evening will be the midnight coronation ceremony of the Prom King and Queen by Prom chairman Schneider. The royalty of the evening will be Her Majesty, Miss Margaret Ziepfel and His Majesty Len Kuehnle, senior class president. The Court of the Queen will consist of Miss Joan Westendorf and Miss Janet Zapf whose escorts for the ceremony will be Jack Beckman, president of the Student Council and Ted Thoma, chairman of the Social Committee.

In accordance with a recent student poll, the Prom Committee has decided to make the Prom semi-formal in dress. An innovation in keeping with the war effort is the official promotion of the sale of Victory Corsages. The Victory Corsages will consist of one large gardenia surrounded by five ten cent war stamps.

Assisting Schneider in preparing for the Prom are Juniors George Middendorf, Robert McCarthy, Jack Wenstrup, and Ray Burns.

Judge Speaks At Ec Club Banquet

Members of the Economics Club held their annual banquet Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Hotel Sinton. It was the last meeting of this semester.

The featured speaker of the evening was Federal Judge J. Paul Geoghegan, U. S. Commissioner. Judge Geoghegan, a Xavier alumnus, was able to give the seniors a valuable message.

Mr. Gordman, moderator of the Club and head of the Economics department, expressed to members his appreciation for their cooperative work throughout the past year.

Jack McClure served as toastmaster for the occasion, while Roger Bissmeyer, President of the Club, Jack Boyce and Frank Lang completed the speaking program.

Prom Head



Dick Schneider

Accelerated Plan Admits H. S. Seniors

Three Reserve Fields Open To Incoming Students

In conjunction with the acceleration plan, high school seniors shall enter the University in the second semester beginning February 1st, the Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., announced last week. Each of the seniors must have at least credit for 15 units of high school work. These seniors must have received their high school diplomas by February 1, to enlist in the Naval Reserve Program.

Three special reserve plan programs will be offered to the freshmen. They are the pre-dental and pre-medical fields, the Army Air Corps program, and the Navy program. An elementary course in mathematics and physics will be given to those seniors wishing to take these subjects.

Registration for the entire school, including the high school seniors, is scheduled for today. Father Benson expects between 25 and 50 high school seniors for the next semester.

Bio Club Selects Burke As Prexy

Robert Burke, junior pre-med, was elected to the presidency of the Biology Club at the Jan. 13 meeting of the organization. Burke succeeds Jack Hemmer, senior pre-med. Other officers elected at the meeting were Sophomores Ray Hellmann and Dick Weber.

The Biology Club also decided to present each graduating member of the organization with a pair of surgical scissors.

Commencement Is Xavier's 103rd

Preparations have been completed by the Deans of the university for the graduation of 52 students at the 103rd commencement in the Memorial Fieldhouse on Saturday evening, January 30.

Contrary to custom, all the exercises of this, the first mid-winter graduation in the history of Xavier, will be held on one day.

Featured speaker of the evening will be the address to the graduating class by the Reverend Allan P. Farrell, S. J., Dean of Milford.

In an announcement from the Dean's office it was disclosed that John Muething, arts senior is to be valedictorian at the commencement. Muething is popular among his fellow students, actively engaged in the Philopedian Society, a member of the debate team and was formerly the managing editor of the News.

The exercises will begin at 9:00 a. m., with a Baccalaureate-Mass in Bellarmine Chapel, the Very Reverend Celestin Steiner, S. J., celebrant. Singing the Mass will be the double quartet of the Clef Club with Miss Helen Gough at the organ. After the Mass Father Steiner will give a brief address to the graduates. The parents of the graduates are particularly invited to attend all the commencement exercises.

Following the Mass the un-

Alpha Sigma Nu Inducts Four At Annual Banquet

Four new members of the Xavier chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit honor fraternity, were initiated at the Annual banquet Sunday evening, January 3rd, at the University Club. John Beckman, arts senior, Thomas Beechem, Robert Heil, and Robert McCarthy, arts juniors, are the new members of the fraternity. The Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., dean of the University, represented the faculty at the banquet-initiation.

Lawrence Rinck, arts junior, who had also been chosen for membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, was unable to attend the initiation because of an appendicitis operation during the holidays. He will enter the Society at the next formal meeting.

The Alpha Sigma Nu urges everyone in the school to participate in the Danihy essay contest which closes on February 15. The subject is a timely one, *Catholic Social Thought*. All chapters of the Alpha Sigma Nu are sponsoring the contest with \$50 in prize money being offered.

To Address Grads



Rev. Allen P. Farrell, S. J.

Valedictorian



John L. Muething

Sommer 8th In I. E. E. C.

Joseph Sommer, arts junior, has been awarded eighth place in the Intercollegiate English Essay Contest sponsored by the Jesuit Colleges and Universities of the Chicago Province. The topic for this year's contest was "The Challenge of Pan-Americanism to the Catholic College Graduate."

Sommer is well-known on the campus for his participation in many extra-curricular organizations. He is a member of the Mermaid Tavern, Traditionists, Philosophy Club and the Inter-collegiate Debate Team.

The entries of Thomas Beechem and Robert McCarthy were also submitted to the judges from among the papers written at Xavier.

In last year's contest, Lawrence Splain and Robert Kaske placed sixth and seventh respectively.

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Auld Lang Syne

THE time has arrived, and very hurriedly it seems, when the editorial year must end. We are now obliged, and with some reluctance, to hand over the editor's blue pencil of journalistic tradition to our successor.

The first though not the only reason for a newspaper's existence is to report news. During the past year, we have endeavored to give an accurate and substantial account of all news about Xavier and of interest to Xavier. We do not deny that this has at times been difficult. During the past year, each day brought new hints of significant changes for the students and the university. We tried especially to avoid printing any rumor before it was verified, and any fact before it was expedient to the welfare of the university.

We attempted to cooperate with both students and faculty in urging a stronger and more unified Xavier spirit. We worked in conjunction with both student organizations and school authorities in all activities on or off the campus. Among these activities was the highly successful scrap drive.

We have endeavored through our editorials and columns to give voice without prejudice to all serious student opinion and suggestion when we perceived that such opinion would not be detrimental to the welfare of the whole university.

These were our journalistic guidons. If and when we have failed, it was unintentional error on our part and not due to lack of predetermined principle.

To News moderator, Mr. Farrell, S. J., we express our thanks for a willing and helpful assistance in all matters from policy to press. To all the editorial and business staff members, old and new, — added thanks for your sustained interest, effort, and service.

To the Xavier University News and its 'Sanctum' — a peculiar and permanent gratitude for an enjoyment, comradeship, and collegiate flavor that formed some of the best days we will ever know.

Skating Along with Rinck

It might be a good idea to follow author John Gunther's example and call the column "Inside Rinck" just so I can tell you about my operation . . . It's really an interesting experience though. Everything is finished within an hour — operation and a year's allowance . . . My room partner was a swell six foot Kentuckian with an awful drawl. About the first thing he said to me was "Gee, I'm hungry as a barr!" Another rarity was: "Nurse, get me one o' them coughin' pills!" Then I would dust off the old one about it's not the cough that carries you off; it's the coffin they carry you off in. Ouch! . . . Being in a hospital on New Year's eve was a revelation. About eleven o'clock one woman down the hall began yelling with a noise that sounded like a cross between an air raid siren and a coyote and occurring with the regularity of the Naval Time Signals . . . A little later a couple of fire engines had a tete-a-tete with a small fire on the street below. It turned out later that some people were mixing gin and the last batch was too strong . . . By the time midnight arrived,

the only way we could think of celebrating was to flash the emergency signal to see how many nurses would rush into the room to be greeted with "Happy New Year!" . . . By 2:30 a. m., we had talked one of the aforementioned nurses into preparing some lovely deviled egg toast sandwiches and sooo to sleep. . . . Exciting, wasn't it? . . . Drop around some time and we'll compare notes on our operations.

"We, the students of Xavier, acting through our Student Council, wish to express our gratitude to Fr. Steiner, Fr. Benson, and Fr. Wernert for their untiring efforts designed to keep us abreast of the 'College Student and the War' situation

"Their policy of keeping us and our parents as well informed as they themselves were, and their willingness—even earnestness, — to answer our whos and when and whys of the past few months will be remembered by us as one of the distinctive characteristics of a Xavier education."

Senior Sketches

By Tom Beechem

In keeping with this senior class edition of the News, it is only fitting that the president of the class be honored in this column. For the past two semesters the driving force behind many of the University's activities has been the personable Len Kuehnle, leader of the leading class, of '43.

"Master of ceremonies" Kuehnle, as he is so often called, entered Xavier in 1939, a graduate of Purcell High School where he excelled in scholarship and forensic ability. Immediately, Len began to make favorable impressions because of his willingness to work. The long list of extra-curricular activities and special burdens placed upon Kuehnle's shoulders undoubtedly testify to the outcome of his endeavors.

At various times in the four years Len has participated in the sodality of the Blessed Virgin, in the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (basic), in the Clef Club, and in intramurals. Aside from these groups Kuehnle has prominently figured in the News during sophomore and junior years as author of the column "Getting Around."

Besides having the presidency of the senior class as an honor, Len also possesses the same office in the Heidelberg Club, to which organization he has belonged for three years. As a member of the Science Club, throughout his Xavier school life, he has progressed to position of co-editor of the Science Bulletin. The Student Council has possessed Len for the last two years.

The special burdens that have been successfully carried by youthful "jacks of all trades" include participation in the recent Xavier-U. C. scrap drive, master of ceremonies of the gigantic pep rallies of the past two years, a similar position at ASN smokers and home dances, committeeman at the December national meeting of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, and very important, to quote Len, "a patron of the Marion food shop". As an added incentive to college cultural life, Kuehnle through multitudinous connections has enabled Xavier students to act as ushers at the Cox and Taft theaters. In that manner, at a small expenditure of physical effort, they have seen the best stage productions of the last two seasons.

After commencement, Kuehnle shall have a month in Cincinnati before he enters Marquette University on March 1st. At that Jesuit university's post-graduate school Len shall concentrate on the science of pediatrics — care of children's diseases. Medicine is his chosen profession. To best express Kuehnle's opinion concerning his purpose in selecting this field it would be best to give his own statement:

"My aim is to apply Jesuit teachings and principles to the medical profession."

For VICTORY



Being A Glance

... Thru the kaleidoscope of student activity and student thought.

... By Bill Schrimpf

Ordinarily a senior columnist, rushing his bit of literary (?) contribution to beat the deadline for the last time, does so under the influence of varying and conflicting emotions. However, these are not ordinary times, nor do we terminate our stay at Xavier under circumstances recognizable to any of the hundred and two graduating classes before us. Naturally our sentiments are more and differently varied than those who were our antecedents.

We recall with a certain amount of nostalgia the bright days of our early undergraduate years. The crowds at football games, the gay Union House dances, heated discussions at class meetings, the professor who was our first student advisor, the gun-squad competitions, medals and merit-bars for our uniforms — and our first stripes, Clef Club concerts, the Prom with Kay Kyser, the rush of registration days, mysterious smells seeping out of the chemistry lab, discussions in English class, club picnics, and intramural basketball. These are bright spots on a tapestry that seems to have been woven a very long time ago. They seem hardly more than a pleasant ephemera — a half-forgotten dream.

In September, 1939, there were more than one hundred and eighty five members of the class of '43. There are seventy-seven who took their final exams this week of January of 1943. The

rest are scattered far across the face of the globe, some on assembly lines, in the bomb-bays of flying fortresses, in the cabins of fighter planes, on the heaving decks of merchant ships, behind the recoil of howitzers, others are absent and unaccounted for.

We have had to grow up suddenly with few preliminaries and no sentimentality. Harsh realities and conditions have been placed before us matter-of-factly. The quick succession of world events has forced us to make permanent decisions in a fraction of a minimum of time.

We have been promised an immediate season of hard work, of distasteful duties, a possible bout with Death. In return we are allowed to dream of ideals, to hope for a world of international accord and prosperity; realizing the while that we must build this new world with our own hands and brains, with the shedding of our own sweat and blood. To some the price appears to be too high, but to most the privilege is of far greater worth.

To even pretend to be able to predict the outcome of our endeavor, or lack of it, would be the height of presumptuous folly. Only this is certain: the cosmos or chaos of the world tomorrow lies upon the durability of our patience, the tirelessness of our labors, the limitlessness of our courage, and, most of all, the depth of our faith in our God and in ourselves today.

Neal's Nuggets By "Buzz" Faessler

Well, this might be the last tarnished "nugget" on my conscience, and then again it might not. But don't worry, there won't be many more, if any. As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end" . . . good thing the bad ones do too, or I'd have to keep writing this stuff forever. — Ain't modesty wonderful?

EXAMS

Did I have fun with those exams! Between sitting up and studying all night before them, and lying awake all night worrying after them, the bags under my eyes are so big and bulgy they're demanding girdles—but you know how silly that is now, so I'm just keeping them in snoods . . . do you know anyone else with bags under the bags under his eyes? . . . But really, profs, I don't think you should have been so tough. Of course, I guess you were trying to help toughen us for the army, but you know you can carry a thing too far. — After all, prof. onone cuts his toenails off at the armpits!

NO COMPLAINT

I finally found out what freedom of the press means to a lowly columnist — I can press my pants anytime I want to with no interference from the censor!

ZIP CLIP

"Program, program, gitcher programs folks — can't tell the corpses from the students without a program" . . . We're off again. Of course, I don't really mind acceleration, although things do move pretty fast . . .

Did I say pretty fast. Man, every time you drop a pencil you lose two weeks work!

LADY EVE

Once upon a time Ladies were not very ladylike. In fact, they carried on much like the men. Back in the cave days! Then some lady made a skirt— All the ladies made skirts. Then one curled her hair, and one painted her face— They all did! At last ladies were becoming dainty and feminine. Then one smoked a cigarette. And one wore pants and drove an ice truck . . . — Ain't progress wonderful!

TO A JERC IN THE ERC

I think my brain is upside down At least, that's what I fear. For when I think, I think I think My thoughts are not so clear.

I'm going back to school . . . I think, And finish up my course. Unless, of course, my course is curst Thru force from some curst source.

I'll graduate in March or May, Or maybe Tokyo. A'll get my A. B., Ph. B. . . . Or G. I., — I don't know.

Now wait! Don't call the wagon, bud— It's not insanity . . . Or is it? I don't know! . . . I'm in the E. R. C.

Please ignore discrepancies. The military situation changes faster than I can write columns. See you in Tokyo.

Buzz.

Muskies Snowed Under By Volunteers — 55 To 23

Sixth Straight Loss For Crowe Five

Tennessee's Volunteers handed Xavier's Musketeers their worst setback of the season, 55-23, last Saturday night on the Vol's Knoxville floor.

Led by center Dick Mehen (brother of last year's All-American) who scored 13 points, the Southerners jumped into an early lead. They held a 23 to 8 advantage at half-time and coasted to their sixth win in the second period.

The contest marked a new offensive low for this season's Musketeers as they were able to mark up only five field goals. Ense made two of these and converted three foul tries to win high point honors with seven markers — perhaps the lowest high-scoring effort of the last three years.

Loss Is No Surprise

The contest was in keeping with the Blue Battalion's policy of losing to the best of them—it was their sixth straight de-

feat and the other five losses were to the 36th Armored Force, Wabash, Kentucky. Ohio U., and Toledo.

The loss, as such, hardly came as a surprise to the Musketeer supporters — but the score certainly did. On the basis of comparative scores of games with Kentucky and the Armored Force, the difference should have ranged from 3 to 24 pts.—and those who thought it would be closer to 24 pts. than to 3 were placed in the same category with the gents who picked U. C. L. A. in the Rose Bowl.

New Combinations To Be Used

But with the Volunteers traveling to Cincy next Monday, Coach Crowe will get a chance to wreak some sort of revenge. With Kummer, Mutryn, and Arata now numbered on the squad, there's a good chance that the contest will see Crowe use a number of new combinations in an attempt to find an aggregation that can match the opposition bucket for bucket in the fast break or set up an airtight defense to make whatever points they score suffice.

SEASON'S SCORING		
Player	Games	Total Pts.
Barry	7	48
Ense	7	45
Heywood	7	41
Mulligan	7	33
Kruer	4	31
Sahlfeld	7	29
Tetens	7	21
Trainor	7	18
O'Hara	6	9
Foley	1	2
Rowan	1	2
Geraci	1	1
Kneflin	1	1
TOTAL		281

Rejuvenated Five Faces Acid Test

The recently bolstered Musketeers will face the acid test within the next two weeks. Xavier fans will value the addition of footballers Arata, Mutryn, and Kummer. In succession the Blue and White will take the floor against Tennessee, Dayton, Kentucky, and Toledo.

The Muskies have scores to settle with Tennessee, Kentucky, and Toledo, who have shown great form in past games, including wins over "Our Boys". Dayton brags about a win over our city rivals, the U. of C.

The Muskie record to date has been anything but impressive, but the addition of new talent plus the seasoning of old players may total up a great team.

I-M Notes

The abbreviated intra-mural basketball play will be brought to a close this morning when the Scrappers (winner of Day League tourney) meet the Muskeroos (Dorm champs) for the school honors.

The Scrappers won the right to represent the east side of the campus when they downed the previously undefeated Bloody Five 26 to 11 in the finals of a three game elimination tourney. The win served as revenge for a 12-7 setback that was the Scrappers' only loss in I-M play. The Bloody Five downed the Colts 27-19 and the Wonders lost to the Scrappers 29-14, in earlier tourney contests. Larry Foley scored 24 pts. for the Scrappers in the two games to clinch high-scoring honors. Jim Arata, the Bloody Five center, was runner-up with 16 counters.

Fifth Straight

The Muskeroos scored a single point victory over the freshmen Black Jacks 27-26, to mark up their 5th straight victory without a defeat—a record which places them on top of the Dorm teams and wins them the right to meet the Scrappers in what will serve as the campus play-off.

Overberg leads the Dorm champs in scoring with 48 pts. for the five games, but he has been ably assisted by O'Neill, Beechem, Downes, et al.

Two Juniors Inducted By Philosophers

The Xaverian Philosophical Society has accepted two new members, Messrs. Donald Mahler and Robert Beckman. They were inducted at the meeting of January 12. President Robert Berners also read his paper on "Freud."

At a previous meeting on January 7, there was the election of officers. The officers-elect are: Neal Faessler, President; Joseph Sommer, Vice President; Rourke Sheehan, Secretary; and Robert Burke, Treasurer.

It has been decided to honor the graduates and alumni of the society at the first meeting of the new semester at the Fenwick, on Feb. 3, at 8:00 p. m.

Math-Physics Club Holds Discussion

The Math-Physics Club, at its last meeting of the semester, held a discussion on weather, led by science senior Frank Pilotte.

Because of uncertain conditions, future plans are in doubt. The council of the organization will meet the first week of the Spring Session to discuss the future of the club.

Sons Handed Stinging Defeat By Aged Dads — 22 To 18

Innovations By Dads Prove Fatal To Sons

By Jim Arata

In a game replete with thrills, chills, and quite a lot of crooked work, the Dads took the Sons to the cleaners to the tune of 22-18, last Friday before 600 wild-eyed fans in the Fieldhouse. The game saw several new additions to basketball rules.

The Sons scored first on a basket by Steenken. There were no further scores in the first half, but strangely enough the Fathers led 8-2. (Editor's note: a new method of scoring known as the Williams method.)

Dads Score Freely

The second half saw these high-scoring aggregations "open up". Led by Lutz, Arata, Bissmeyer, and Fischer, the Dads

quickly ran up two, pardon me, three points. The Sons countered with a number of buckets, but the Fathers still led. A second basketball was injected into play. (Editor's note: this is a newer method of speeding up the game.) The Fathers substituted freely. (Editor's note: another innovation was noted here. When substituted for, the Fathers refused to leave the floor resulting in a team that one time reached twelve men.) For some time Foley of the Sons withstood the entire Fathers team of twelve men, using two basketballs, and firing away at both baskets — and the Fathers didn't know the difference.

Editor's Commentary:—While we can understand the previous innovations, we fail to see how Mr. Crowe, who was referee, was permitted to make a basket for the Fathers! Oh well, progress is progress.

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"Hitler Faces Downfall" Rauschning Tells Forum

Says Nazi Leader Is Man Of Magnetic Personality

"Perhaps Hitler's Germany can fight another year, but Hitler's situation is desperate," Dr. Hermann Rauschning, the former President of the Danzig Senate, told the audience at the Xavier University Forum on January 24, in the Taft Auditorium.

Rauschning described his personal contact with Hitler by saying that Hitler has a magnetic personality and definite qualities of leadership. But he also stated that Hitler is interested in magic, but that his belief in magic may be the downfall of Germany. He left the audience with this thought: that Hitler is an overpowering personality and that once in office, no power on earth could peacefully remove him. He told how those who opposed the Nazis saw their children persecuted in schools, lost their homes and businesses, and were compelled to "go along."

"People who have observed life cannot hold the common man responsible in such circumstances," Dr. Rauschning concluded.

The next lecture sponsored by the University will be "Alaska, Our Arctic Fortress" by Father Hubbard on February 7, at the Taft Auditorium.

Tavern Grads To To Be Honored At Mermaid Highday

Mermaid Tavern, Xavier's literary organization, has decided to continue its policy of holding regular weekly meetings on Monday evenings. The meetings, as usual, will be held in the Tavern Quarters in the Union House.

The next meeting of Tavern is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 1. Graduating members will be specially honored at this meeting. Plans will be made at this meeting for the Tavern's Anniversary Highday to be held on Feb. 15.

The Anniversary Highday will mark the end of the 12th year that the Mermaid Tavern has been in existence on the Xavier campus. Many former Taverners who are now serving in the armed forces have already expressed regret that they cannot be present for the 13th birthday party of the Tavern.

Gift To Fordham

A rare map of Italy, the work of H. Moll in 1714, was recently presented to Fordham university.

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X Debate Squad Wins Over U. C.

After a lapse of almost ten years, Xavier's Intercollegiate debate squad renewed relations with the debaters of the University of Cincinnati during this month. Three contests were held with the Clifton debaters at the local high schools.

Two of these debates were non-decision affairs. The third was held on Jan. 14 at St. Xavier High School and was won by the Xavier team consisting of Robert Heil and Joseph Sommer. The topic of these debates was *Federal World Union*.

Mr. John F. Williams, S. J., moderator of the debate team and the Philopedian Society announced that the plans of both organizations for the coming semester were tentative and would depend upon the school conditions.

Prom Highlights Social Season

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veiling of the plaque and dedication of the class to St. Stanislaus will occur. The graduates accompanied by their parents will then breakfast in the main dining room of the Union House. The Booklovers under their chairman, Mrs. Casello, have kindly volunteered their services at this breakfast.

After breakfast, Ralph Stueve acting as Toastmaster will present the President of the Alumni Association, who will welcome the graduates into the organization and will give them admittance cards into the Alumni Association. Then will follow a reply speech for the class of '43 by Len Kuehnle, President of the senior class. Reverend John J. Benson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will then address the class on behalf of the college and faculty. After this the graduates will adjourn to elect permanent class officers, culminating the morning activities.

The closing commencement exercises will occur inside the Field House, beginning with the academic procession at 8:00 p. m. As a patriotic gesture all will sing the Star Spangled Banner accompanied by Miss Gough at the console. The invocation will be given by the newly appointed very Reverend Monsignor John E. Kuhn, pastor of St. Louis Church in Cincinnati. The valedictory address by John Muething will follow.

Then the address by Father Farrell will occur, followed by the commendation of the graduating advanced ROTC students, administered by Colonel Alpha B. Brummage, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Xavier. Father Benson will award prizes to the outstanding students of the graduating class.

President Steiner will then confer the degrees to the 52 graduates. Of these, 24 will receive the Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Finance degree; 11 the Bachelor of Science degree; nine the Bachelor of Arts degree, and eight the Bachelor of Philosophy degree.

Father Steiner will make several announcements, and then all will join in singing *Xavier For Aye*. The recession will complete the exercises.

Clef Club Begins Season With Two Local Concerts

On Friday, January 22, the Xavier Clef Club journeyed to Reading, Ohio, to present the first concert of the new year before the students of Mount Notre Dame Academy.

The Clef Club also entertained last Sunday evening at the Alms Hotel, Cincinnati. The soloists of the evening were Senior John Goettke and Sophomore James Brockmeyer. The Clef Club quartet, consisting of Larry Rinck, John Goettke, Bob Mahler and Elmer Mueller, was also featured on the program.

Ralph Stueve, Clef Club president, has indicated that no plans have been made for the immediate future of the organization. He hopes, however, that it may be possible to continue the present concert season.

X ALUMNI IN ARMS

By Joe Thesken

[Since the address and rank of those in service is changing constantly, the information given in this column may be incorrect. Any corrections received will be gratefully accepted and promptly published.]

Cadet R. W. Ahern—

—'42, Army Air Corps, is stationed at Thunderbird Air Field, Glendale, Arizona.

Ronald Ryan—

—Xavier grad, and 'till recently Assistant County Prosecutor, resigned his office to enter the Army. He reported for duty with the Tank Destroyer Detachment at Camp Hood, Texas.

Three Brothers Are Officers

—Jerome R. Seitz, Xavier underclassman, has three brothers in the service, all of them officers, including:

Lt. Leo J. Seitz—

Stationed at the Air Corps Basic Flying School, Marana, Arizona.

Lt. Wayne J. Seitz—

Assigned to the Air Defense Wing, Mitchell Field, New York, N. Y.

Ensign Eugene B. Seitz—

Stationed in Pere Marquette Building, New Orleans, La.

Dr. F. R. McCoy—

—X. U. grad of '32, assistant principle at Central Fairmount School, Cincinnati, was recently inducted into the Army.

Promoted to 1st Lieutenantcy Lts. Charles Handel and John Tepe—

—grads of '42, recently received their silver bars, the insignia of a first lieutenant, at Camp Breckinridge, Morganfield, Ky.

Captain James Sheehan—

—graduate of '41, has been in North Africa since late November. He is in command of a company in the Quartermaster Corps.



"Dern Such Weather"

True, the founders of Cincinnati employed magnificent foresight in the foundation of their splendid city. But there is one element which they did not take into account. Of course, everyone knows that Cincinnati's one sore spot is its inexplicable weather. The weather is the only thing for which the proud resident of this Queen City of the West ever need apologize. Though its very changeableness puzzles even the weather man, the fellow from out-of-town notices and learns to abhor the peculiar superfluity of its gloomy, rainy, misty, murky, and foggy days and corresponding nights. But when one complains of this lack of God's sunshine, the smug resident says, "Oh! Well, Yes," and changes the subject.

But with all the disagreeableness and difficulty associated with such weather extremes, there's never a dull moment. Though you wait six days for the sun to peep through the mist and rain endears itself eventually to you and seems to become part of you. It's gloomy but mysterious and exciting. Someone looms up from the fog, you side-step quickly, and he, or she, brushes past. Annoying experience but somehow or other it pleases.

Then there's that wonder and admiration that one receives

when on rising one sees the ground covered with a light coating of snow. It's all very exhilarating and uplifting until he remembers — "Probably be all slush tomorrow."

Dozens of explanations have been given and theories expounded on this one subject, the freakish weather of Cincinnati. The theories themselves, though, now would sound uninteresting and even insipid. Among those tossed about, however, some have said, and personally I am inclined to agree, that the liberal-mindedness, generosity, and sympathetic understanding of the people in Cincinnati can be traced as a logical revolt and outcome of the forever inclement and intolerable weather. If true, the weather of this fair city need not even again be a cause of a resident's apology or lack of words. Now he can proudly point out his better qualities which testify to the supreme accomplishment of his overcoming the dehumanizing forces of his meteorological environment. Then he may point out how his friend from out-of-town can also attain to the same level of Stoical perfection. The friend, nodding furiously, takes it all in and wisely changes the subject. And so it still remains that only the true Cincinnati can and does appreciate Cincinnati.

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President, Xavier University



LEONARD W. KUEHNLE,
President, Class of 1943

Bear Xavier Graduates of 1943:

Your Alma Mater sends you forth today with pride and confidence, pride in what you are, confident in what you will be. Your education has prepared you for total life, life in war or life in peace. You have been trained to think, judge and act constantly and consistently according to right reason illumined by faith, and in the light of that faith not only to see Christ but to imitate Him; in short, to be men of character, that is, men whose lives are ruled by right principles and not by impulses from within or circumstances from without. Your country needs such men today; even more will she need such men in the world of tomorrow. May the grace of God help you to be true to the education you have received. May that same grace of God protect you as you fight, and inspire you as you play your part in making the peace.

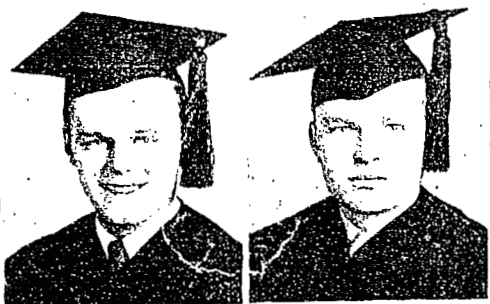
CELESTIN J. STEINER, S. J.

Jack Beckman (inset), president of Student Council, surrounded by the senior activity leaders.

(Standing, left to right) Jack Hemmer, Biology Club; Bob Kruer, co-captain, basketball team; Bob Brown, co-captain, football team; Jim Rentrop, Mermaid Tavern; Elmo Ravensberg, co-captain, football team; Bob Mulligan, X-Club; Roger Bissmeyer, Economic Club; Larry Splain, Editor of News; Norb Mott, captain, pistol team; Stan Ease, co-captain, basketball team; Ralph Stueve, Clef Club.

(Seated, left to right) Neal Faessler, Traditionists; Fred Towers, member of Student Council; Len Kuehnle, president of Senior Class; John Muething, Philopedian Society; Bob Bernens, Philosophy Club.





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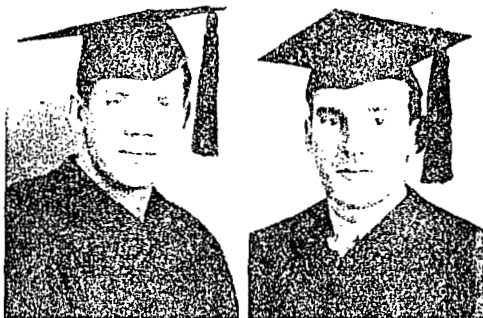
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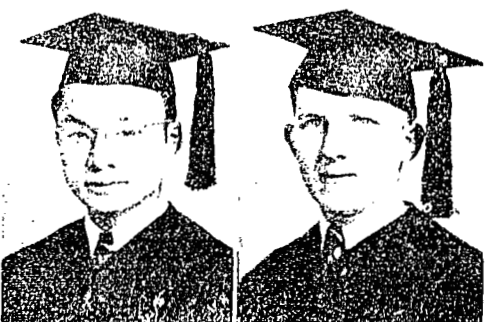
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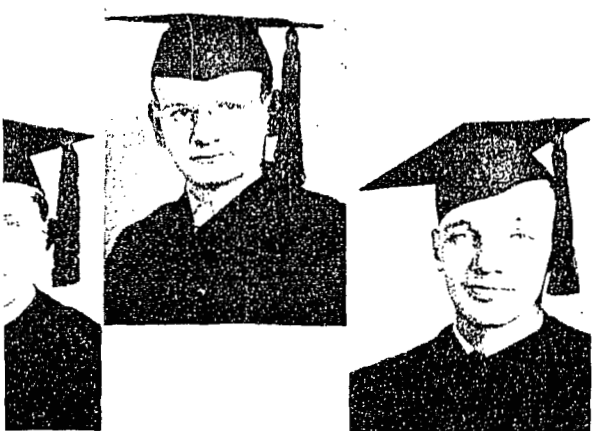
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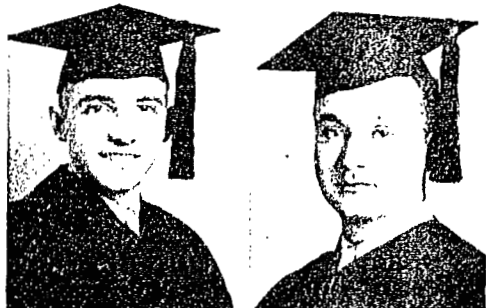
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The Class of 1943 . . .

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only cherish the Jesuit pattern of a truly d liberal education as something interchange- in our lives, but we are determined, with the d, to guard that Christian pattern of real human visdom so that others, our sons and countrymen, ts benefits to mind and character.

an four years ago, intent upon our first college activities, we admitted as freshmen a mere im- l far-away interest when the new war machine, night over right', initiated its national policy of and 'protective custody' in central Europe.

afterwards, as sophomores, we watched with rest the Battle of Britain when that same consumed the aspect of an international struggle ights and existence.

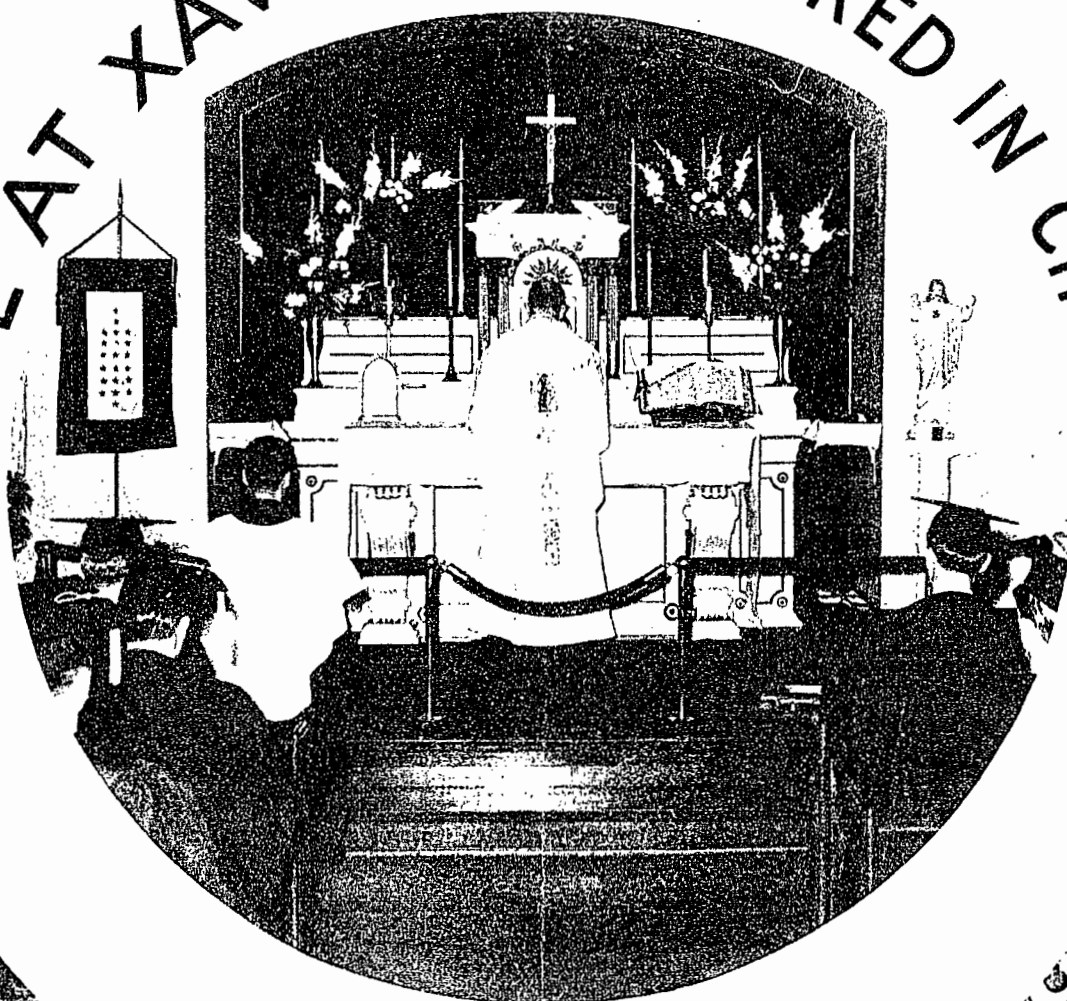
junior year with December 8, we realized the roximity of that struggle to Xavier University n lives. We experienced the accelerated cur- ntary enlistment of students in the Reserve a more than impersonal interest in a war that ours.

seniors of 1943, are sincerely grateful to a uni- has endeavored to give us now and for life a rorough preparation of mind and heart. We d and feel proud that we were destined, too, for ars. We needed and perhaps wanted this awe- to test those principles of life, of government, stianity which form the integrity and durability at Xavier.

anxious to protect and extend the Jesuit pattern education because it embraces all those prin- ich we are about to fight and are willing to die.



LIFE AT XAVIER - CENTERED IN CHRIST



1. Commencement —every Xavier man's goal.

2. Physical fitness on the Field House floor.

3. Ense shoots while Sahlfeld follows against Kentucky.

4. On the social side — the Junior Prom.

5. Colonel Brumage watches commissioning of Honorary Cadet Colonel.

6. On the intellectual side — Fr. Gray conducts a typical Xavier class.

7. On the military front — ROTC lowers flag on fountain square.

8. On the home front — Scrap nets \$1792, thanks to Messrs. Hirschberg and Harris.

9. ROTC band in formation.

